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Board of Equalization Updates List of California's Largest Sales Tax Delinquencies *11 Names Added to List of Top 250 for First Quarter 2011*

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the list of California's largest unpaid sales and use tax delinquencies has been updated at www.boe.ca.gov. The BOE replaced 11 names on its list of debtors. Those added to the list have delinquencies totaling \$11.4 million in sales tax owed.

Since January 1, 2007, the BOE is mandated by state law to post online a list of the largest 250 tax delinquencies of more than \$100,000 in tax after notifying the debtors that their tax liabilities will be disclosed to the public. The taxpayers identified to be listed are notified 30 days before their information is posted.

Chairman Horton authored the legislation ([AB 1418](#), 2006) that created this state law when he was a member of the California State Assembly. The BOE and the Franchise Tax Board combined have collected more than \$50 million in delinquent state and local taxes under AB 1418. Publication of the list of tax delinquencies, per Chairman Horton's AB 1418, has proven a successful way to prompt the delinquent taxpayers to come forward and pay the amounts due promptly.

Since the inception of this program, 35 qualifying taxpayers whose account balances represent a total of \$36.8 million in sales and use tax liabilities have come forward to take care of their debts. Of the \$36.8 million in liabilities, \$5 million has been collected to date. The debts have been taken care of in the following ways: 24 through installment payment agreements and 11 by making payment in full. The list, updated quarterly, currently includes debtors with \$393.4 million in tax liabilities. Of that amount, \$89.6 million in liabilities are jointly owed by more than one taxpayer on the list. Tax liabilities under appeal, litigation, or bankruptcy proceedings are not included.

Below is a list of the 11 newly added taxpayers and their \$11.4 million in sales and use tax delinquencies subject to Chairman Horton's AB 1418.

For a complete list of the largest sales tax debtors, visit www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/deliq.cgi.

<u>Registered Business Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As (DBA)</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Liability Amount Due</u>
Jess James Gallegus	St. James Motors	Las Vegas, NV	\$3,961,878.00
Carepoint Health Services, Inc.		Van Nuys, CA	\$1,633,373.00
Hebco, Inc.	Peter's Spirit	City Of Industry, CA	\$653,317.00
Amir Farah Fakhoury	Platinum Motorsports	Alta Loma, CA	\$649,586.00
Gonluco, Inc.		Los Angeles, CA	\$649,124.00
Boutros Sidhom Awad		Fontana, CA	\$648,752.00
Weaver Automotive Inc.		Grass Valley, CA	\$641,591.00
Randall Earl Cohn		Los Angeles, CA	\$639,980.00
Beverly Hills Auto Collection		Beverly Hills, CA	\$639,980.00
Scott Bradley Nichols		Salinas, CA	\$633,092.00
Scott Motors, Inc.	Scott Motors	Marina, CA	\$633,092.00
Total			\$11,383,765.00

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the chairman of the BOE Legislative Committee. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton previously served as a member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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